

SPECIAL OFFER.

We believe the EVANGELIST will do good wherever it is read, and for this reason we occasionally make special offers by which we hope to increase the subscription list, multiply readers and enlarge its field of usefulness. This week we make *two special* offers, one of which appears in next to the last issue.

First. Any one sending us 25 cents can have the paper sent from October 1 to the end of the year, to any person not now a subscriber of the paper. This offer is limited to those who are willing to pay for others. One dollar will send the paper to four persons to the end of the year.

Second. New subscribers can have the paper from November 1, 1895, to the end of 1896. This offer is made now to give pastors and agents an opportunity to secure subscriptions between this and the time when the offer goes into effect. If there are any members in your congregations, not now subscribers, this will be an excellent opportunity to secure their names. Pastors, will you not bring this matter before your people and make a special effort to add new names to our list? Is there a good reason why we should not receive at least *one* from each of the 200 congregations in the brotherhood? Who will send in the first one? Reader, cannot you send *one*? Try it.

THE ELKHART UNION MEETING.

Last week we erred in stating that we had on hand the papers read at the Indiana Ministerial Association. It so happens that the papers referred to were read at the Union Meeting of the churches of Elkhart county. This organization embraces all the churches of said county and meets four times a year, changing from one congregation to another. It is one of the most fruitful organizations, its influence being felt for good all over the county. The good results of the association are manifest to all who are acquainted with its workings. The last meeting seems to have been one of the very best in the history of the organization, and we cannot speak too highly of its work. The papers read at the meeting show that the members of the association are practical church workers and have the good of the cause at heart. The minutes of the last meeting of the organization appear in this issue, also two of the papers read, viz,—“Why we should read the BRETHREN EVANGELIST,” and the “Need of the

BRETHREN EVANGELIST in the Homes of Members.” Two other papers will be published, “How acquaint the Brethren Church throughout the country” and the “Need of Prayer.” We thank the brethren and sisters for these papers; we appreciate them and feel sure that our readers will be greatly profited by them. Brethren Frame and Leslie have our special thanks for their kind and encouraging words in reference to the EVANGELIST. Yes, brethren, the price of the paper could be reduced long before it reaches 10,000. Let all unite in swelling the subscription list to 2500 *paying* subscribers, and we promise you an enlarged paper, or reduced in price as the Conference may decide.

Personal Mention.

Brother J. M. Fox reports three more accessions by baptism. He writes that the Michigan State conference was a grand success.

Brother J. A. Miller, or some other representative of the college and the publishing interests, expects to be present at the Indiana State Conference.

On Saturday, October 12, brother E. E. Haskins, of Johnstown, Pa., began a series of revival services in the North Georgetown, O., congregation.

Brother Frame writes some very plain truths concerning the EVANGELIST in the homes of brethren. Read it carefully. So also does brother Guilford Leslie.

Brother S. W. Wilt writes that their communion service, lately held, was a splendid meeting, with good order and attention prevailing. Two promising young men were baptized.

The Brethren at Sidney, Ind., will hold their fall communion in the town of Sidney, November 23, commencing at 7 P. M. An invitation is extended to the surrounding Brethren. Preaching on Sabbath morning.

THE article in this issue on “The Gospel Teaching concerning the Holy Spirit,” by brother J. A. Miller, was read and discussed at our late National Conference. The subject is one of great importance, and we regard the contribution by Brother Miller one of great value. The author alone is responsible for the views expressed and the doctrine advocated in his article.

EVERY neglected opportunity draws after it an irreparable loss which will go into eternity with you.—*Doddridge*.

College Notes.

The theological boys are now engaged in a critical study of the “Acts of the Apostles.”

The income of the University of Chicago during the past year was \$520,000. For the coming year it is expected to reach \$603,000, and the disbursements are estimated at \$582,000. The faculty contains at present 157 members. The students in the graduate schools numbered last year 534, in the divinity schools 281, in the colleges 772—a grand total of 1,587.

President Merrell E. Gates, of Amherst College, in answering the important question, “What will keep one safe in his College life?” says: “Life at a college where sound standards of work prevail is morally safer than is the life of boys and young men of the same age who are not engaged in systematic study. But no college is without temptations. At college, as elsewhere, there is but one effectual safeguard for a young man—Christian principle, the love of Christ in the heart, and the habit of obedience to Christ in the life. Without this, no surroundings can make a young man safe; with this, at a college where Christ is honored, a young man is safe.” These are thoughtful words and we commend them to the young people of the Brethren church. Remember that outward circumstances no matter how favorable they are, cannot keep you. It is the *power of the new life*—the life of Christ—in you that saves and keeps.

RELIGION is well enough when the sky is cloudless, but it is absolutely necessary in time of trouble. It is not a broken weed, but a strong staff. The more you have of it the lighter your burden becomes. That fact belongs to the necromancy of life. The harder your trial, the deeper your faith—that is the rule to follow. Even when death despoils you of your treasure, say with trembling lips, “It is well,” and the heart will glow and brighten like the blazing log on a winter hearthstone. And when you lie down to die yourself, stretch out your hands to heaven and angels will come trooping down to bear you in their arms. That is practical religion, and unless your religion is practical it is of no value whatever.—*Sel.*

PERIODICAL piety is the bane of any church. The only salvation for a frigid church is a revival; but that is the healthy church which keeps up such a steady, spiritual life and warmth that it needs no renewing. Such a church has no “decadence” in its prayer meetings.—*T. L. Cuyler, D. D.*